

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, BM

SUBJ: NE WIN TOURS BATTLE FRONT

REF: RANGOON 0863

1. PRESIDENT NE WIN RETURNED MARCH 23 FROM A FIVE-DAY TOUR OF THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN SHAN STATE, WHERE GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY (BCP) HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY SINCE LAST FEBRUARY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE PRESIDENT, ACCCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE MINISTER AND CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. KYAW HTIN AND OTHER KEY OFFICERS, VISITED THE EASTERN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AT KENG TUNG, THE NORTHEASTERN COMMAND AT LASHIO, AND OTHER AREAS ADJACENT TO THESE CITIES. HE ALSO VISITED SEVERAL MILITARY HOSPITALS.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN THE FORWARD AREAS. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS INDICATING SUBSTANTIAL BURMA ARMY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO THE AREA IN RECENT WEEKS, SOME BY AIR, AND A NUMBER OF WOUNDED EVACUATED. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE, WHO SAW SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, INCLUDING MILITARY ADVISOR COL. TIN OO, AT A SOCIAL EVENT JUST AFTER THEIR RETURN TO RANGOON, SAID THE GRUP APPEARED

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RELAXED AND DID NOT SHOW ANY CONCERN AFTER THE TRIP. IT IS POSSIBLE THE GUB MAY MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE RECENT FIGHTING IN THE SHAN STATE IN CONNECTION WITH RESISTANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS MARCH 27.

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